



**January 17, 2021, 10:30 am**

**Scripture for Reflection: "Follow Me." John 1:43b**



*As we prepare for worship, please send your prayer requests by way of the "chat" function on Zoom or send a message through Facebook.*

### **Order of Worship**

<b>Prelude</b>	Musician Patrice Meschke
<b>Welcome</b>	Pastor Heidi Vardeman
<b>Gathering Hymn</b>	<i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i>

**I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
No turning back, no turning back.**

### **Call to Worship**

Jesus said, "Follow me."

**We don't always know what that means.**

We are on a journey of discovery.

**We are here because we want to be God's people.**

We are here because we are broken and want to be whole again.

**We are here to celebrate God's presence in our lives.**

**Let us worship God with great thanksgiving.**

## Hymn #23, verse 1

*Here I Am, Lord*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

## Confession of Sin

Loving God, you have called us to serve you cheerfully and follow you faithfully. But we have turned a deaf ear to your call: we have been so occupied with our own concerns that we have not stopped to listen to what you are saying to us. Forgive us for insisting on our own way—when you have called us to a better way. By your spirit, make us true disciples. Show us how to walk in your way. Amen.

## Declaration of Forgiveness

...Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia and amen!**

## Song of Rejoicing

*Joy to the World*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King.  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
And Heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

## Passing the Peace

... The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The pastor will now “unmute” all participants. Add video if you are on Zoom. Please greet one another by waving, smiling, or saying “Peace!”*

## Concerns of The Church

## Special Music

## Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

2 Samuel 7:4-11, 15-16

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

### **Reading from the Gospel**

Matthew 1:4-11

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

### **Sermon "Send Me"**

**Hymn #525, vs. 2**

*Here I Am, Lord*

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

## **Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

*If you are on Zoom and able to “chat” you can share your prayer concern by clicking “everyone” or you can send a private message to Peace Presbyterian. If you are watching on Facebook, you can write your prayer as a comment on the livestream.*

## **Prayers of The People**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **Offertory**

### **Doxology #591**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Christ all people here below  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore  
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

## **Prayer of Dedication**

### **Closing Hymn #525, vs. 3**

*Here I Am, Lord*

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?**

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## **Benediction**

## **Fellowship**

*Join us after the Zoom worship service for fellowship!*